

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 446

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach John Looper and the Monterey High School baseball team upon winning the District 7-A Baseball Tournament Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, lead by Head Coach John Looper, the Monterey High School baseball team has achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2005 season, winning the District 7-A Baseball Tournament Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey Wildcats crushed the Clay County High School baseball team twenty-five to three in the District 7-A Tournament Championship game; and

WHEREAS, wasting no time, Jon Phillips smashed a solo home run on Clay County's first pitch of the game; teammates Brandon Horton and Corey Howard later followed with back-to-back home runs as the Wildcats left no doubt in their rout of Clay County High School; and

WHEREAS, bouncing back from last year's disappointing district tournament, Monterey's baseball team broke out with twenty-two hits to improve their record to seventeen wins and ten losses; and

WHEREAS, serving as a testament to their athletic prowess, seven Wildcats batted .400 or better during the tournament; every Monterey starter had at least one hit in the championship game, and Jon Phillips went 4-5 with four runs and four RBI's; Brandon Horton went 3-4 with three runs and four RBI's; Corey Howard went 3-5 with two runs and three RBI's; Dennis Kennedy went 3-4 with three runs and two RBI's; Davy Walker and Caleb Langford both went 2-

4 with two runs and two RBI's; Andrew Buckner went 2-4 with two runs and one RBI; and Chris Phipps went 1-3 with two runs and two RBI's; and

WHEREAS, Senior Jon Phillips was named the District 7-A Tournament Most Valuable Player after winning two games with a 0.82 ERA and batting over .500; and

WHEREAS, district championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel together with a cooperative spirit; the Wildcats exhibited each of these rare qualities during their district tournament; and

WHEREAS, the baseball players at Monterey High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the field while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired the school's student body and united their entire community in completing their triumphal run through the 7-A District Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship baseball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Monterey High School baseball team upon winning the 2005 District 7-A Baseball Tournament Championship and for serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Head Coach John Looper and the Monterey High School Wildcats baseball team upon capturing the District 7-A Tournament Championship, wish them luck for the remainder of their baseball season, and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.